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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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## **AMENDMENT "A"**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2001 in the above-referenced application, regarding which it is hereby requested with the payment of a fee to extend the response period by three months to September 22, 2001, applicant amends the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A packaging system comprising:

a packaging machine which transports a bag-making film along a path while forming said film into a tubular form, fills said tubularly formed film with articles to be packaged and seals said film to produce a packaged product;

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